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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 6821

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SUBJ: THAI REACTIONS TO THE INDOCHINA SITUATION

REF: BANGKOK 6784

1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER PRAMAN ADIREKSAN IS QUOTED IN "THE NATION" OF APRIL 18 AS SAYING THAT THAILAND CAN NO LONGER TRUST USG STATEMENTS BECAUSE "IT CANNOT DO WHAT IT SAYS EVEN IF IT WANT TO.". HE SAID THAILAND WOULD RECONSIDER AND STUDY U.S. DIPLOMACY IN THIS REGION. PRAMAN SAID THE U.S. HAD ALREADY ABANDONED ITS ALLIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, SUCH AS CAMBODIA, AND THE U.S. CONGRESS HAD PROHIBITED THE USE OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. LOCAL PRESS REACTION TO THE FALL OF PHNOM PENH CONCENTRATED ON THE THEME THAT U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN THAILAND ARE DEMONSTRABLY USELESS TO THAI SECURITY AND SHOULD THERE-  
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FORE BE WITHDRAWN. PRESS PRESCRIPTIONS FOR RTG POLICY CHANGES

REFLECT THE DIVERGENT TRANDS THAT WE REPORTED IN BANGKOK 5946 AND 6577. RECOMMENDATIONS RANGE FROM PROMOTING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN THIS REGION TO STRENGTHENING THE THAI ARMED FORCES. ADVOCATES OF BOTH POLICY DIRECTIONS SEE A U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL AS A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE, HOWEVER.

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA OVER THE PASTFEW WEEKS, COLUMNATING IN POLEMICS ON THE U.S. EVACUATION FROM PHNOM PENH AND THE CITY'S FALL. CONSISTENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN JOURNALISTS HAVE CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE US FOR BACKING "CORRUPT" REGIMES IN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM AND BRINGING WAR TO THESE COUNTRIES. MORE MODERATE ELEMENTS HVE BEMOANED OUR FAILURE TO PREVENT A GKR DEFEAT, AND HAVE DRAWN THE CONCLUSION THAT THAILAND CANNOT DEPEND ON THE U.S. TO PROTECT ITS SECURITY.  
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